

The Church of God EVANGEL

CLEVELAND, TENN.

GOD'S LOVE

A Prayer

*I have been little used to frame
Wishes to speech and call it prayer;
Today, my Father, in thy name,
I ask to have my soul stript bare
Of all its vain pretense,—to see
Myself, as I am seen by thee.*

*I want to know how much the pain
And passion here, its powers abate;
To take its thoughts, a tangled skein,
And stretch them out all smooth and
straight;
To track its wavering course through sin
And sorrow, to its origin.*

*I want to know if in the night
Of evil, grace doth so abound,
That from its darkness we draw light,
As flowers do beauty from the ground:
Or, if the sins of time shall be
The shadows of eternity.*

*I want, though only for an hour,
To be myself,—to get more near
The wondrous mystery and power
Of love, whose echoes floating here,
Between us and the waiting grave,
Make all of light, of heaven, we have.*

—Alice Cary.

THE GROUND OF

"FOR THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD, EVEN YOUR SANCTIFICATION," 1 Thess. 4:3.

NOTICES

From the Field

To whom it may concern: It is being reported that we are against the Church of God and had brought confusion in the Church. We want the Church of God brothers, sisters and Evangel readers to know that this is a false report, and that we stand one hundred per cent for the Church.—Evangelist Myrtle Mann and family, 338 Thompson St., Florence, Ala.

The Illinois state camp meeting will convene at the state camp ground at Benton, Ill., beginning July 5 and ending July 14. The evangelist for the meeting will be Brother W. T. Nelson of Lindale, Ga., who is a competent speaker and a man of God.

We are expecting our souls to be fed and are looking forward to a glorious time in the Lord. Every one is urged to attend this meeting in order to make it a great success for the Lord and the Church of God in the state of Illinois. Outside states are cordially invited to attend.—H. O. Harris, state overseer, Box 23, Benton, Ill.

The Arkansas state camp meeting and convention will convene in the little city of Little Rock, July 1-7. The convention will begin the 5th. Ministers, we are expecting you the first day of the camp meeting. According to the reports they are coming from every direction, by bus, by car, by truck and trailer loads. We are expecting this to be the greatest camp meeting and convention Arkansas has ever witnessed.

Brother J. H. Walker, our General Overseer, will be the guest speaker of the convention. Each church is expected to bring not less than 50c per member for missions. Several of our pastors already have this amount raised. Pastors, let's be one hundred per cent on everything.

The camp ground will be just two blocks from the state parsonage on West 29th Street. Those who come from north or east Arkansas, come through the city on highway 70 until you get to where the highways come together, then take the first street to the right in front of Nilook Pottery Shop. We will be expecting you.—Wilma Henry, overseer of Arkansas, 4618 W. 29th St., Little Rock, Ark.

The Y. P. E. banner for the state of Mississippi goes to Rocky Hill and the Sunday School banner goes to Morgan-town for this month. Please pray for our work in Mississippi.—Arlie Dorman, state

superintendent of Y. P. E. and Sunday School, 1108 River Ave., Hattiesburg, Miss.

To the Sunday Schools and Y. P. E's of the state of Alabama: The Y. P. E. banner was won by Town Creek church for the month of May with a 410% increase. The Sunday School banner was won by Letcher church with a 343% increase.

Let's work hard and make our Sunday Schools and Y. P. E's better in the future.—State superintendent, T. G. Pearson.

The Oklahoma state camp meeting and convention convenes at Maud, Okla., July 15-21. Brother R. P. Johnson, our Assistant General Overseer, will be with us most of the time, as well as several other out-of-the-state ministers. Again we urge all you pastors and churches, Sunday Schools and Y. P. E's to remember your state mission offering quotas. We are counting on every one of you. We mean to make this our banner year for the Church of God. How about you? Sure we can and we will. Remember Sunday, July 14, is the last chance. Make your last great push that day and come right on Monday and be there Monday evening for the opening service. Six big days and nights. The Willing Workers will be on the program Thursday afternoon, Sunday

School Friday afternoon, Y. P. E. Saturday afternoon; business Saturday morning, mission message and rally Sunday morning.

And now to our many out-of-state friends, remember we will be expecting a number of you to be with us also. We will do our best for you in the way of free entertainment—your room and bedding at least, possibly more. However, it might be well for all who can conveniently bring along as much bedding and other necessities as you can to do so.—S. J. Wood, overseer, Box 164, Lawton, Okla.

The Saskatchewan, Canada, convention will convene at Robart, Sask., July 13-16. We are expecting a great time in the Lord and are expecting all who can to be with us at this feast of good things. Everybody who can conveniently do so bring blankets. Eats will be furnished so cheaply that you will be able to eat at the dining hall cheaper than you could feed yourselves. I have not talked to the management yet, but I suppose that preachers and their families will be entertained free as heretofore.—M. L. Lowe, overseer, Bigtimber, Mont.

To the Sunday Schools and Y. P. E's of Texas: We have moved into the parsonage which the church has just bought, so send reports to our new address—1412 Beaumont St., Dallas, Texas. — J. C. Thompson, state Y. P. E. and Sunday School superintendent.

NOTES From My LETTERS

By J. H. WALKER, General Overseer

NEWS FROM WEST KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE:

"We have just paid off our church debt which makes \$400.00 paid since the Assembly. We have had three revivals and starting another with the district tent. We are fixing plans to finish our church which will be worth \$8,000.00, a nice brick, in a good residential section. Please pray for us.—Yours truly, G. W. Messer, pastor."

"Greetings in Jesus' name. We came here in March of this year. The people were in a tent, no church house, so we began to work and pray and now we have entered our new church, one of the best in South Georgia. Thank the Lord. Everybody thinks it surely is nice. Everything is going fine. Please pray for our work here.—Yours for the Church, Solomon Scalf, Fitzgerald, Ga."

GOOD NEWS FROM PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS:

"Sixteen filled with the Holy Ghost,

nineteen baptized in water, thirty-two added to the Church, and more to come in yet. March 3, 1940, we had five members, today we have forty and are looking for fifty by Sunday. Brother and Sister Mercer from California are in charge of the revival.—Your brother in Christ, A. J. Murray."

"To date we have set in order six churches in Oklahoma this assembly year, however, two of them were reorganized, Oklahoma City and Oakdale. They are both back on the Church of God map again, stronger than ever. Another is soon to be set in order, Double Springs. They are waiting to complete their church building, which is a nice 34x50 rock building which is already deeded to the Church of God.—Very truly, S. J. Wood, overseer of Oklahoma and Kansas."

TELEGRAM

"Organized another church in Romoland, California. That is two since the state convention.—I. L. Benge, overseer."

Our Supreme Obligation

BY REV. C. E. NEAL

As an evangelist, I wish to give some thoughts on why and how we should unite our efforts to save the lost. I believe we as a great Church, having the full knowledge and power of God, are in a better position to carry on this great work than some others. We can if we will bring these great powers into display to counteract the working of Satan in these last days when he is doing all in his power to mislead by seducing spirits and cause people to wrest the Scriptures to their own destruction. I say it is our supreme duty to win them if we possibly can. There are over 80,000,000 people lost in these United States, 24,000,000 million in the south land. There are more souls lost in Chicago alone than in Utah and New Mexico put together. Let us pray as we never have before. All night is not too much prayer, if we really get the vision of the lost as we should. God does not want to give them up to the sword but He may unless we as Christians pray very hard for them.

God has given man many things to do and he has done many of them, but he has left undone the main task, that is, to win the lost. He has been given power over the earth and the blind forces. Man has tunneled the mountains, spanned the ocean, ribboned the earth with highways, bridled the lightning, harnessed the air waves, and many other things. We may have to use a different method to get the gospel to the people but the principle of saving a man is the same as in Paul's day.

Let us consider the condition of the sinner for a moment. David said he was born in sin and shaped in iniquity. In Eph. 3:4 Paul says the sinner is dead in sin and in trespasses, void of life; he does not respond to the sweet story of the cross because he is dead and can not feel or hear or see. Poor sinner! Think of him, my preacher brother. He has the devil for his father, sin for his partner in life, and hell for his long home. Sin goes with him in life, strangles him in death and will doom him in the judgment.

Ezek. 38:87, "O wicked man, thou shalt surely die." If you, preacher man, fail to warn the wicked man, he will die in his sins but "his blood will I require at your hand," says God. Paul felt the awful burden when he cried out, "I could wish my self accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh." Christ felt the burden when He became willing to pay the supreme price for the souls of men. The loss of the sinner is more than any temporal loss of wealth, health, or fame, more than a man lost in a fog-covered mountain, or a child

lost in a deep wood, or a woman lost in the trackless desert, for when the lost arrive at their destiny nothing but terrible thunderstorms will greet them, where every sound is sickening and deathly, and where every noise is the deafening roar of eternity, with hell's unmuffled thunder in the indescribable shrieks of the damned. This is what it is. Psa. 9:17, "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God." "Bind him hand and foot, . . . and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." It will mean to writhe in pain without a minute's rest, to suffer anguish beyond anything we have ever known, with agony to the utmost. It is limitless torture. All of these will be aggravated and accumulated. Oh, it is eternal death. Every thunder tone as it speeds on its way mutters eternal death. The walls and dome of hell echo eternal death.

The soul that sinneth it shall die, for God has sworn it and He will not repent. Every way the lost are in sight, in the midst of black, bleak irreparable loss and indescribable tragedy and woe. In utter despair they peer into the midnight thunderstorms, see lightning flashes of eternity and hear the thunder clap of doom, but there is no exit. There the conscience gnaws until the whole being burns and smarts with remorse as they think of lost chances to escape that awful doom. There are no sun, moon and stars there, no birds to sing, no music to gladden the heart, no friends to visit, no preachers to preach, no church, no home, sweet home, but only hate and murder. A voice cries, "O eternity, let thy cycles roll," but you can not crumble or scar the walls of hell, or gray the hair of God who has sworn by His eternal self that the soul that sinneth it shall die. The pendulum of God's eternal clock swings over the gates of hell, and with every tick ticks off the minutes and years and cycles of man's stay there.

Let us go out with the whole armor of God to bring in the lost.

Greensboro, N. C., Dist. Convention

The Greensboro, N. C., district convention has come and gone but its memories linger richly in the minds of those who attended as it was indeed good. In fact, it seemed the Lord approved the entire arrangement. His presence was felt and the power fell as His servants spoke under the anointing. The reports from the churches over the district were good. Many encouraging remarks with valuable instructions were given. Brother Williams, state overseer, was hardly able to

finish his message Sunday morning as the Holy Ghost took charge, and Brother Ralph Tedder, our district overseer, like the rest, seemed to be at his best. Ralph Williams, North Carolina state Y. P. E. and Sunday School superintendent, took care of his part in an impressive manner. His reports of interest were proof of exceeding all records in the past.

While the convention closed late Sunday afternoon, which left us all tired out for our regular Sunday night service, yet the Lord was mindful of us. And my, such a good meeting! The power fell in the old time way and many were blessed. One received the baptism and another was reclaimed.

Come to our rally at the Greensboro church June 30.—John L. Stephens, pastor.

Lignite District Convention

The Northwest district convention convened on May 5-7 in Lignite, N. Dak. The Lord met with us in a very special way.

On Monday morning the visiting ministers began to arrive, including Brother H. R. Morehead of Minot, who preached a wonderful message in the afternoon.

Brother R. P. Johnson and his party including the Burnett sisters and Brother and Sister Waters from the Bible School arrived in the evening and Brother Johnson preached the evening message, the power of God being felt in a very special way. The Burnett sisters, also Brother and Sister Waters who sang with them at times, did some wonderful singing.

The mission offering was the largest taken at any of the district conventions in North Dakota this year, for which we thank the Lord. The ministers who attended were: James B. Reeser, H. R. Morehead, John Fox, Ray Reine, Edwin Oster, H. W. Canon, and others. We thank all of these for their cooperation in making this convention one of the best of the year in North Dakota.—Andrew Rafferty, district overseer.

Mallory, W. Va., Y. P. E. and Sunday School Convention

The Mallory district Y. P. E. and Sunday School convention convened at Mallory, W. Va., May 18, 19, Brothers Max L. Atkins and S. B. McCane were in charge. The Taplin church of this district rendered a wonderful program for the Y. P. E. Saturday night. Brother Atkins was well-pleased with the program and the preaching by Brothers McCane and Sexton on Sunday.—Lacy Paynter, Davin, W. Va.

The prayer that does not rise to heaven has too much of earth to it, or too little of heaven in it, or the wrong kind of a person behind it. In either case it is tragic.

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Editorially Speaking

Trail Blazers

YOUR Editor recently returned from the Kentucky state convention where he had the privilege of associating with Rev. B. L. Hicks, overseer of Kentucky, and the many loyal and cooperative preachers of that state. Many wonderful thoughts were advanced by the various ministers who spoke in the convention, including wonderful sermons by the Assistant General Overseer, R. P. Johnson. However, one of the outstanding discourses given was by our Happy Tom Brooks, the mountain philosopher of the Church of God, who spoke to the convention on taking care of the aged ministers. It was certainly interesting to listen to Happy Tom as he traced all of the success of the Church of God back to the old pioneer preachers who, he said, blazed the trails and cleared the land for that which we have today. They were not streamlined, he said; neither were their church houses large, commodious, and streamlined, but they blazed the way for us to do and had it not been that someone came along and suffered to blaze the way of Pentecost and prepare the way for the Church of God in its amazing growth, it could not have had such a growth. "You say they did not build big, nice houses," shouted Happy Tom. "No, and neither did David build a fine house for the Lord, but he fought hard and beat the devil into such a position and condition that his son came along, without opposition, and built the greatest house for the Lord that the world has ever known." He seemed to think that David was worth just as much and worthy of just as much praise and honor for preparing the way so that Solomon could have a peaceful time in which to build the great temple, as was Solomon for the building of it.

May the ministry of the Church of God ever remember those old trail blazers, who, through great opposition and handicaps, responded to the call of the Lord without any Bible School to attend, or even special literary training, left the fields, the coal mines, their fishing, or whatever occupations they were engaged in and gave their full time in log schoolhouses, cotton gin sheds, sawmill sheds, brush arbors, or whatever they could find to preach this wonderful gospel that we so greatly enjoy today.

An Adjusted Life

AT the Florida state camp meeting and convention we had the privilege of listening to many wonderful discourses. Among them was one delivered by Rev. J. A. Self, who gave your editor

his first one-dollar freewill offering when he entered the ministry more than twenty-seven years ago. The topic of Brother Self's message was "An Adjusted Life." He very eloquently presented the necessity in these days of both ministry and laity having and living a life which was adjusted to all conditions and circumstances. Of course in the acceptance of the gospel, man's life must be adjusted to the Word of God in order for him to be justified, for there is no justification outside of the Word of God. Regardless of the latent powers that lie dormant in one's life, there must be an adjustment in order for them to function properly and produce. Even though they may be hooked up with power, if the adjustment is not proper the work will not be satisfactory.

We recently installed a machine at the Publishing House, which it seemed for a long time would not give service. The factory superintendent came and worked with it for two days. It still did not produce results and was finally condemned by the Editor and ordered taken out. The dealers insisted that it be left in the printing plant for a while and that our operator try it out, whereupon the operator took the instruction book and spent hours and hours before trying to make any adjustments and use the machine. After a while he thought he had it. He asked that he might work on his own time until he got the machine running. His request was granted and in a little while Bill Free had the machine going in good shape, and now for several weeks it has been producing.

It is a wonderful thought that in these days of hardships and struggles and when threats of the anti-Christian hordes are being hurled on every side, that one has an instruction book to go by and if and when our lives are adjusted and tuned in line with the instruction book (the Bible), God's power flows freely and our lives produce to His glory. The same is no less true with

the Church of God as a great machine functioning, for God has also given through His Word instructions for His Church and for its adjustment. If it is so adjusted as to conform to the instructions that God has given us in His Word, there is no weapon which has been formed against His Church that can stop it. The Church must not get adjusted to the world but continually stay adjusted to God's Word so that His promises can become effective in its workings.

Written Again

IT has been said that half the truth is better than no truth at all but it is our opinion that many times no truth at all would be better than half the truth because with only a part of the truth people are led into error as though they were following the truth. It is noteworthy that Jesus, when He was being tempted by Satan and listened to the Word of God quoted by Satan, did not deny that Word but merely said, "It is written again." A real understanding of God's Word consists in knowing what is written again or knowing the whole truth concerning a matter. Many passages of scriptures have been misunderstood, misinterpreted and misapplied only because just one verse or a few verses were taken when if the entire chapter or perhaps the preceding and following chapters were written they would shed sufficient light on the subject and change entirely the interpretation that had been given. Such is certainly true with the doctrine of the Mormons concerning being baptized for the dead. Such is also true concerning the quotation, "Do all speak with tongues?" and many other passages which people have taken locally and interpreted to their own liking without taking into consideration the context which would have greatly clarified the entire

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God's Call To Our Youth of Today

WE notice some verses of scripture in Eccl. 12:1; 11:9, 10; 1 Tim. 4:12.

Does God require young people to serve Him and work for Him? For an answer we read a scripture of our text. Eccl. 12:1, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth." The happiness of youth is to be enjoyed but one time and that time is short. So if the boys and girls who make up the throng of our youth today would give their lives for success (or failure) they must begin in early life. Man was created by God for the express purpose of living for Him and glorifying His name. Every person at the earliest age of accountability should begin to serve God. What could be sweeter than the assurance of eternal life? What could be enjoyed more than a clear conscience? What is more wonderful than to know that our souls are right with God?

It is good for a man that he bear the yoke of his youth. The yoke of what? the yoke of sin and unrighteousness? Emphatically, No. Gal. 5:1, "Be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." What is it then? Jesus said, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me." Most assuredly, if you bear the yoke of Christ you will bring forth fruits unto righteousness. To take Christ's yoke upon you is to put self into the relation as servant and subject to Him, and then to conduct your actions accordingly in a conscientious obedience to all His commands and a cheerful submission to yield self to God.

Using our talents. Matt. 25:14-30. This is a parable of the talents, five, three and one talent. We read the result of

BY GENEVA MORGAN

those servants whose master gave them talents to be used. The five gained five more. The two gained two more. The one was buried and didn't use or gain any. Many of our youths today are doing the same things. Even if we can't sing, pray or preach like someone else, remember all God asks of us is the use of our talent and if we serve Him willingly, perchance we may be able to reach some soul whom the others failed to awaken, and bring him to Christ.

You should live righteously before Him. Luke 1:75, "In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life." Rom. 6:13, "Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God." Young people should use their respective talents for God. Regardless of how little they think themselves capable of performing, they should at all times do their best. Eccl. 9:10, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest." Cultivate and train your talents.

Where receive training. The Bible Training School is no other better place for training our youth. How it thrills my soul to hear someone speak about the B. T. S. I hope some day to have the privilege of attending school there. We know the predominating thought of the hour seems

to be along the line of advanced education and achievement. While education is essential and of untold benefit if rightly acquired and used, there are so many paths being presented to the youth of today that deviate from the real fundamental truths that they need. In all callings of life's work men and women are striving in competition for supremacy, regardless of the efficiency or the knowledge which they obtain. The educational advantages at the disposal of our boys and girls give them a much wider range of knowledge and vision than were accorded some of the older people when they were young. If our boys and girls would pursue the path of peace and build their life's work on the first fundamental which is a foundation of righteousness, they would be assured of success and contentment. Just as wealth does not bring true success, neither can education alone, but with the right equipment used as we travel along on the grand highway of youth, we will be able to stand the tests and prove our destiny, whether good or evil.

Young people can do much for God. They are a great factor of the Church. They can influence many people for God. Their energetic efforts can be directed in such a way as to be beneficial to the Church. Young people, let us serve God. We will never regret living and dying for Him. We can find much joy and happiness in serving God. Eccl. 11:9, "Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth." Josh. 22:5, "And to serve him with all your

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CONVENTIONS

Our district convention convened at Oakhill May 10-12, Rev. M. P. Cross, state overseer, in charge. Brother Cross brought a wonderful message, also brought the dedicatory message for our new church. We have our new cinder block church paid for, which cost around three thousand dollars. Other good messages were brought by Lewis W. Davis, S. N. Adkins, B. E. Hicks and Sister Sallie M. Herron. An offering for the state overseer amounted to over \$8.00 and the mission offering was \$35.00. — H. S. Smith, district overseer.

A word of praise for the L. W. W. B. at Walkertown, W. Va., also at Coal City. We have the best of presidents at both of these churches,—Sister James Cannoy at Coal City and Sister Vivian Groah at Walkertown. They have been so faithful and the band has been blessed by having such dear sisters in charge. These two bands are doing wonderful work.—Mrs. H. H. Hungate.

Asheville, N. C., District Convention

The Asheville district convention convened April 27, 28 at Canton, N. C., under the management of Brothers E. W. Williams and V. D. Combs. Saturday afternoon a special service for the local church, Y. P. E. and Sunday School officials was given. From Saturday night on those taking part on the program were: J. L. Hathcock, V. D. Combs, J. M. Hodge, George Bailey, E. W. Williams, state overseer, reports by pastors, and others.

A mission offering of \$168.00 was taken. A well-prepared dinner was served Sunday. In the afternoon our state Bible School was boosted and then we were dismissed. The presence of the Lord was felt in this convention. We think this was one of the greatest ever held on the Asheville, N. C., district.—Ernest Anders, pastor, Clyde, N. C.

E. Rainelle and Smithers, W. Va., District Convention

The Smithers and East Ranelle district convention began Friday night May 24-26. Brother M. P. Cross, state overseer, with Brother J. A. Whitlow, district pastor, were in charge. Service started with good Spirit-filled singing that made us feel welcome. There were quartets, duets, trios and solos. Yes, the B. T. S. girls trio was there to add heartfelt praise to God in song. The good musicians included Brother J. C. Vaughan who came with us from South Carolina and just helped to make the convention worth remembering.

The following brought messages during the convention: Brothers J. A. Whitlow, M. P. Cross, W. N. Everly, C. R. Simmons, T. J. Meade, H. H. Hungate, H. D. Statum, Sisters M. P. Cross and W. N. Everly. The mission offering totaled \$322.62. Truly it can be said it was good for us to be there.—Harold F. Douglas, Charleston, S. C.

WILMINGTON, N. C. — We are proud to say we are on the forward march. The L. W. W. B. is at its post of duty and is playing a big part for the church. The Y. P. E. is still wide awake. Our good choir leader, Brother G. R. Wiloughby, is still singing and doing his best to keep his choir singing and last, but not least, we are glad to say that this being the first year with our new pastor, Brother W. W. Harmon, and his good family that they are proving a real blessing to the church.

The church has had two good revivals this year. The first with Brother J. W. Sullivan which proved a real blessing to the town with nine added to the church, and the second with Brother J. L. Slay, in which many were blessed and three added to the church. Right after our home-coming day we want to wreck the old church building and build a nice brick church.—A. F. Wilson & Spofford, Wilmington, N. C.

I am glad of the opportunity of attending the district convention. My heart was made to overflow with the blessings. And I had the privilege of meeting many of my good brothers and sisters whom I had not met in time past. Brother J. L. Dorman surely fed our souls with the Word of God. The loving way he addressed the laity was wonderful. God bless Brother and Sister E. N. Wright in the work for my heart is in the work with them. They have come here and done some wonderful preaching and trying to encourage the people to leave off the things of this old world and get in line with us working people of this little band and help win that prize. They also went right into building a parsonage, and praise God, we have had them in a nice little parsonage for some time and don't owe but very little on it. Pray for our little church here, that it will move up and shine for God and for the revival spirit to fall.—G. L. Varnes, Stewart, Miss.

SELMA, Ala.—I am glad to report victory in my soul today. I am also glad to report that the Church of God in Selma is rising and shining for Jesus. There have

been about eight souls saved the past week, most of them at home. People are getting more interested and a new church building is being erected. We are looking forward for a soul-stirring revival in Selma.—Waymon Roberts.

St. Joseph, Mo., District Convention

The St. Joseph, Mo., district convention of the Church of God convened at the S. St. Joseph church May 17-19, Rev. Houston Morehead, state overseer, and Rev. Zeno Douglas, district overseer, in charge.

Those bringing messages during the convention were: Brothers Houston Morehead, Zeno Douglas, Sister Lydia Pilgrim, Brothers H. V. Howe, M. G. Swart, Leslie Orrick, C. F. Crain, Lee Holdman, Sister Maude Vanderford, Brothers B. F. Cooper and H. R. Law.

The convention was largely attended and the presence and power of the Lord was manifested in a wonderful way throughout the convention. The messages were good and inspiring and the special singing and music by the different quartets, trios, duets, etc., were a blessing to all.

Friday evening the Y. P. E. service was under the direction of Brother Lee Holdman, state Sunday School and Y. P. E. superintendent. A candle light play, depicting the seven departments of the Church, was given during a well-arranged program. The orphanage offering amounted to \$10.02. After Sister Vanderford's talk on the Evangel twelve subscriptions were taken. Brother Morehead brought a message on "The Great Commission," followed by a mission offering amounting to \$51.56. The reports were fine.—Miss Ruthe E. Luke, convention clerk.

We praise the Lord for the way He is working here in Carlisle, Pa. Our Y. P. E. is very good and spiritual. We have the banner again. Also this month we received the Sunday School banner. At the present time we have four banners. Two young people were saved this month, one received the Holy Ghost. Pray for us that the Lord will save many young folks as well as elder people.—Harriet Helman, Y. P. E. president, Carlisle, Pa.

SANTA CRUZ, Calif.—I praise the Lord for His great love to the children of men and for the many times He has answered prayer and healed our loved ones when they were sick. My little girl was very sick; I believe she was taking pneumonia. We prayed for her before going to bed but she seemed no better. After a while I went to see about her, and oh, what a fever. I got the Evangel and laid it on her in the name of the Lord and He healed her. Praise His wonderful

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Foreign Missions

ZENO C. THARP, Secretary of Mission Board

SEMPER FIDELIS

BY J. H. INGRAM

WE had already witnessed the rising and setting of several suns on our eleven-day voyage from New York to Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, South America. The great turbo-electric ship, "Argentina," on which we were making the journey to the southern hemisphere is classed as one of the largest and fastest flying the American flag. She was parting the waves

with her knife-like bow while the mighty propellers at her stern were churning the waters into a white, foaming, swirling vortex, which faded away in the distance like a silvery path leading into the golden sunset of another day.

We sailed from New York nearly a day behind time and had already passed up a scheduled stop at Barbados, in order to catch up with the regular itinerary at "Rio."

As a routine war-time precaution, American flags were painted on the ship's sides, which were illuminated by floodlights at night. I was taking exercise by pacing up and down the promenade deck in the tourist class quarters, waiting for the marimba to sound, calling us to supper (dinner on board ship). It happened, however, that I was left alone for the time being, and flopped down in a reclining deck chair to catch another breath of fresh air, meditating in prayer before going below to the dining saloon. The setting sun had already sunk beneath the waves, as it apparently does, and twilight was stealing over the sea. As the shadows of darkness became more pronounced the quartermaster pulled down the flag from the masthead and hoisted it on the small flagstaff astern as a further means of identification, just in case a stray "sub" happened around that way. As I sat there, looking at the stars and stripes (that as an emblem means so much to us in these troubled times) floating proudly in the apex formed by two floodlights set at different angles, I remembered the time



when we were going through "no man's land" on that fateful night in Shanghai, China, surrounded by about two hundred thousand soldiers locked in deadly combat. On that occasion we saw the star-spangled banner flying in the floodlights at the mainmast of the "U. S. S. Augusta," and being an American, I naturally made a bee-line for the flag.

ALWAYS FAITHFUL

The scene changes again and we are back on board the "Good Neighbor" ship "Argentina." As I sat there meditating, the Latin phrase "Semper Fidelis" kept flashing through my mind. Semper Fidelis, the meaning of which is "always faithful," is the motto of the U. S. Marine Corps, that military branch of the Navy called upon to sail the seven seas, protecting our interests wherever the flag flies; and these "sea soldiers" are noted for living up to the traditions handed down by that corps. It struck me very forcefully that we should be no less faithful than the U. S. Government, that has

A phone call from E. M. Ellis, overseer of Florida, informs us that their state mission offering taken at convention was \$3,574.25. Thank God for the missionary spirit!

representatives in all the civilized countries of the world, sending out special agents as the occasion demands. Our commission is universal. "All nations, every creature," should be the watchword of the day. And it might be a good thing for us to adopt some such motto, say a text to be used as a universal reminder. For example, our Y. P. E. has adopted Phil. 4:13 as their universal text, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

After the flag-raising on the ship that night, I looked up into the sky as it became darker and saw the famous "Southern Cross" outlined by the stars in that unique formation of the heavenly constellation, another reminder of God's faithfulness and of our duty to Him and His cause, as we follow on to know the Lord.

When we arrived in Rio De Janeiro, called the world's most beautiful seaport, we were charmed by the scenery after being rocked in the cradle of the deep for

eleven days and nights. For example there was the great modern city itself, a cosmopolitan center of about one and a half million souls, nestled against the mountains that came right down to the sea, with mountain peaks rising up from the water. There was the breath-taking sight of the cable cars freighted with human cargoes being pulled through space to the top of the "Sugar Loaf" peak, rising up to 1,300 feet above the sea. But what impressed me most was a giant statue of Christ that stands atop of Mt. Corcovado that rises to a height of 2,300 feet above the sea. The statue is done in something like white marble and portrays the Master with outstretched arms. It is something like a hundred feet high and as wide in proportion, and can be seen from a distance of about twenty miles. This image of the Savior, which cost a vast fortune to build, reflects faithfulness on the part of many in a material sense. I believe they said that the lighting that makes it look so realistic at night was first turned on from Italy by the late Mr. Marconi, inventor of wireless telegraphy, who pushed a button or turned on a switch across the sea.

All this reminds us of Christ who is "Semper Fidelis," and is calling upon us to "be faithful." I am made to wonder how many faithful ones could be accounted for among the hundreds of thousands who live within sight of this statue. What an opportunity! And what a tremendous responsibility resting upon us as the Church of God! Everything seems to point one to the need of faith and of being faithful. Another instance, I went to buy stamps to mail some postal cards and noticed they bore the following inscription, "Fe e Energia" (faith and energy) and the representative figure was a strong man holding out the cross, another reminder that we should be strong and of good courage, holding high the cross of Jesus to a dying world. "Faithful" should be the password.

FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH

John the Revelator, in his Patmos message to the "persecuted ones" of the church at Smyrna, said, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life," Rev. 2:10. The news which is continually coming in over the radio and going out through the press, is stunning. Conditions are really alarming! Civiliza-

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LEAVES FROM THE FIG TREE

An Interpretation of Current Events in the Light of Holy Prophecy

"Now, learn a parable of the fig tree: when his branch is yet tender and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh," Matt. 24:32.

By JUDGE SULLIVAN

"New York, June 4.—A universal army of Jews, recruited from every quarter of the world to fight with Britain and France against Nazi Germany, was proposed today by the new Zionist organization. Vladimir Jabotinsky, world president of the organization and organizer of the World War Jewish Battalions, and Col. John Henry Patterson, British Commander of Jewish fighters in the last war, will discuss a recruiting program at a mass meeting here next Wednesday." Let no one think the sons of Abraham can't fight. A glimpse at the records of Joshua, Gideon, Deborah and other leaders of the Israelitish hosts will dispel any doubt as to their military strategic ability.

In LIBERTY MAGAZINE for June 15, 1940, Hon. Herbert Hoover, former President of the United States, says this: "The four horsemen of the Apocalypse are on the march: War, Death, Famine, Pestilence. Two-thirds of the people in the world are at war. But coming before these old destroyers of mankind are five new horsemen—Imperialism, the destroyer of the independence of nations; Intolerance, the destroyer of minorities; Stateism, the destroyer of personal liberty; Atheism, the destroyer of faith; Hate, the destroyer of the unity of mankind. These are the horsemen of the advance, preparing the way for War and Death. After War and Death sweep Famine and Pestilence. . . . Atheism has greatly shattered religious worship in Russia and Germany and weakened beliefs in a score of others. . . . If we are again called upon for service, we have a right to demand that Reason and Hope sit at the peace table. . . ." Mr. Hoover is a great humanitarian. He is also a profound thinker. He is a Quaker by birth and conviction. However, when peace is made at the close of the present war, in my humble opinion Jesus Christ Himself will dictate the terms of peace. Reason and Hope will sit at the peace table because the Author of them will be there.

"Memphis, Tenn., June 5.—National

Guard units throughout the United States have been ordered to stand ready for mobilization and induction into the regular U. S. Army within 10 to 20 days, the Press-Scimitar said it had learned Tuesday. The Press-Scimitar, a Scripps-Howard newspaper, said it was reported that President Roosevelt planned to call out the National Guard within a few days. This would mean that approximately 200,000 men between 18 and 35 would leave their private jobs and don khaki for an indefinite period." The above United Press news article may be executed before this appears in print. The clouds of war are hanging heavily over our beloved land today. Heartbreaks of the war of twenty years ago are hardly bound when once again the martial tread is heard in the land. Despair not, my brethren, there will be peace. All these things must surely come.

The CHARLOTTE OBSERVER for June 7, carried a very timely editorial entitled "A CRISIS THAT IS UNIVERSAL." I quote excerpts therefrom: "This is a time of universal crisis. Wherever it is that man lives, the shadow of this terrifying day lengthens its black pall. . . . The world that we have known throughout the Christian era is going to pieces right before our eyes. . . . Human society is threatened with a complete somersault from the basis of decency and dignity and justice and liberty and the sovereign and elemental rights of free man which has obtained since the birth of Christ. . . . Let us not be deceived in an attempt to write down or to write out altogether such direful possibilities as those which are wrapped up within the easy scope of a Hitler victory. The world will not be the same again, in that event, for multiplied generations, and all that is good and beautiful and honorable and helpful and lawful in both democracy and religion will become blitzkrieged in favor of the ugly, the vulgar, the malicious, the sinister, the diabolic and the vile. FOR HITLER TO WIN IS FOR SATAN TO SIT UPON THE THRONE

OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THAT PART OF THE WORLD WHICH FALLS UNDER HIS BLOODY TYRANNY." It is indeed gratifying to learn that business men, journalists and national leaders are coming more and more to realize that the Hitlerian hordes are motivated by the antichrist. I disagree with only one phase of this very meritorious editorial opinion. While I look with horror upon the possibility of a Hitler victory, I rejoice that his power will be short lived. There is another whose right it is to rule and rule He shall. Beyond the Hitlers, the Mussolinis, the Stalins, I envision the "KINGDOMS OF THIS WORLD BECOMING THE KINGDOMS OF OUR GOD AND HIS CHRIST AND HE SHALL REIGN FOREVER AND FOREVER." Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

COLLIER'S MAGAZINE for June 15, 1940, has a very interesting article entitled, "PALESTINE—MUCH PROMISED LAND." I quote excerpts: "As long as England polices Palestine with 32,000 soldiers, the Arabs won't dare attack the Jews. If she shifts enough of these troops, however, to other war fronts, you may look for another bloody war in the Holy Land." The gist of the article is that there is a determination on the part of Jews to maintain a national home in that unhappy land. They have a secret army, drill secretly, maintain arms secretly, and are prepared and determined to fight for their rights as the sons of Abraham. The Bible promises the land to the Jews. The Koran promises it to the Arabs. Both are equally determined to possess the land. The Arabs say that Hitler is right in persecuting the Jews. Great Britain is trying to divide the land between them. Both Arabs and Jews want Jerusalem. To both it is a holy city. The writer of the article, Frank Gervasi, expects blood to flow freely. After all, the present bitterness is an outgrowth of two religions, the Mohammedan and the Jew. Both are, in a measure, wrong. You and (Continued on page 14)

Arkansas Convention Convenes at Little Rock July 5-7

My Life's Sketches

BY REV. J. B. ELLIS

I WAS born in Etowah County, Alabama, September 17, 1870, in a two-story log building situated ten miles northwest of Gadsden. This building remained until about 1933 when it was torn down and a frame building erected on the grounds.

My father and mother were poor people and worked hard on the farm to make a living for their family. I was the oldest child. Mother would place me in a long ditch and fasten up the ends so I could not get out while she worked in the field with father. Whether I cried or laughed no one will ever know. I was generally found asleep, so Mother says.

When I was five years old I was placed in a community school where I learned my letters and to read. We moved away from this place and my opportunities for going to school were ended for a while. Mother taught me as best she could for two or three years. Father moved about from place to place in this newly settled country for several years. During this time I went to school but little. I never spent all told more than seventeen months in a schoolroom. The most of my education was obtained by studying at home at nights after working through the day. This was very injurious to my eyes and when I was seventeen years old I had to give up reading and for two years I was almost blind, my eyes never recovered. It was a great difficulty for me to read or study from books any length of time and I never read without much pain.

I began the study of the Bible in 1880 when but a boy. The most of my study hours were spent in studying the Bible. I was converted in an old log Methodist church October 21, 1885, and began a Christian life which has been continued until this day. I was sanctified August 17, 1896. I was baptized with the Holy Ghost November 23, 1910. I began preaching in 1893, was a preacher in the Methodist church until 1910 when I became a preacher in the Church of God.

I am now in my seventieth year and still preach when opportunity affords. I had my eyes removed December 11, 1939. I have to have someone to lead me around now, but I am glad to say I am still in the service of the Lord. I have had many and varied experiences during my pilgrimage on earth. God has been with me all the way and I believe He will continue to do so until He says it is enough. I'm just waiting to hear the welcome applause,

"Well done, thy good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

It is my purpose to give you some sketches and incidents of my life in the paper if I can get someone to write for me. I hope I may yet be a blessing to others by letting you see how the Lord has been with me and blessed me in my labors as I have gone through the jour-



REV. J. B. ELLIS

ney of life. I love the Church, I love her ministers and each of her members. I wish I could be with you in service as in former years but this can never be again. Old age and loss of my eyes prevent this. I shall ever be with you in spirit and in prayers. I have confidence in our leaders and our ministers in planning the program for the Church. I also have confidence in the program for the Church. I also have confidence in the loyalty of her membership, that they will make it possible to put the program of the Church over the top. I covet your prayers.—Your brother, J. B. Ellis.

If we expect others to do what they are expecting us to do, and one waits on the other, it will never be done until we cease to wait, and go to work. The one who does the work will get the reward, and the one who does the waiting will get nothing.

Question Box

Question: Please explain Rev. 20:5. Will there be anybody die in the millennium? If so, who will it be? In this 20th chapter it says, "The rest lived not again until after the thousand years were finished." To whom does this have reference? Does it mean the raptured saints?—C. S.

Answer: The answer to the question, "Will there be anybody die in the millennium?" may be found in Isa. 65:20 which is evidently a millennium scripture. "For the child shall die an hundred years old but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed." The "resurrection of the just" is mentioned in Luke 14:13, 14, and the "resurrection of life" distinguished from the "resurrection unto damnation" in John 5:59. We here in Rev. 20 learn for the first time what interval of time separates these two resurrections, the "resurrection unto damnation" being at the end of the millennium.

Question: Please explain 1 John 3:9. Does this justify the doctrine of eternal security?—C. E. G.

Answer: The scripture "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God" does not in anywise justify the doctrine of eternal security. The context clearly shows that the beloved apostle is discussing the question of whether or not a man might be justified without becoming a child of God. This is clearly shown in verse 6, "Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not; whosoever sinneth hath not seen him neither known him." This signifies that the fruit of a born-again experience is not sin and that the one who has become a child of God must bring forth fruit meet for repentance, otherwise if there is no fruit it shows that he has not seen Him nor known Him, or in other words, that his fruitless experience shows that he has not been born again. If he is born of God or is a child of God, his life will show that he is a child of God.

Question: Will there be any sinners in the millennium, and who will make up the army of Gog and Magog?—Mrs. P. R. W.

Answer: In one of the above answers you have an explanation about sinners being in the millennium. There will evidently be thousands upon thousands of men in the millennium whose hearts have

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N. and S. Dakota Convention at Minot, N. Dak., July 4-7

Revival Reports

Meeting at Kannapolis, N. C., continues with great success. Up to the time of this message one hundred and twenty have been saved, forty-five filled with the Holy Ghost and fifty-five baptized in water. U. D. Tidwell, pastor.

McCaysville, Ga., Church of God just closed a good revival with a number saved and sanctified, seven baptized with the Holy Ghost and the entire church strengthened. Sister Phillips, of Plant City, Fla., did the preaching. Reported by E. E. Coleman, pastor.

Sylva, N. C., church reports a two-weeks' revival with five saved, four sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost, three added to the church and four baptized in water. Brother L. J. Stone, pastor, did the preaching. The church is progressing and is on the honor roll this year. Reported by Mrs. Sarah Bryson.

The Harlan, Ky., church had an eight nights' meeting with nine saved and sanctified and six filled with the Holy Ghost. Reported by Ed Johnson (Col.), pastor.

York, S. C., just closed a revival conducted by Toy Waddell, in which thirteen were saved, nine filled with the Holy Ghost, six added to the church and six baptized in water. The pastor, K. D. Beaube, reports an increase in Sunday School from a hundred and twenty to two hundred and twenty-four since he has been there.

Sophia Broyles, clerk, reports a revival at LaFollette, Tenn., conducted by Sister Bessie Jones in which there were six saved, one sanctified, five baptized in water, twelve added to the church and the church in general blessed. The church expects to move into its new building soon.

Brother Willie Gruggett just closed a revival at Dunlap, Tenn., in which there were eleven saved, five sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost and the saints greatly encouraged.—Virgil Kerley, clerk; B. J. Pharr, pastor.

Brother Frank Sprague of Akron, Ohio, just closed a good revival at Belpre, Ohio, in which many souls were blessed, two being filled with the Holy Ghost. The church appreciates its good pastor, Brother Eastman Carr, who has been doing a good work. Reported by Sunday School secretary-treasurer.

Mrs. Josephine Sciumfate of LaJunta, Colo., reports a wonderful revival held at their church. She thanks the Lord for such a faithful servant at Sister Luvena Canady.

We recently closed a revival at Lawrenceville, Ga., with Brother Joel D. Brown, of Cleveland, Tenn., as evangelist. There were six saved, five sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost, and one added to the church. Some wonderful preaching was done by Brother Brown.—W. H. Godwin, pastor.

A good revival just closed at Hickory, N. C., with Brother G. D. Lemons of Lenoir doing the preaching. There was a number saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost, and the saints encouraged. Reported by Mrs. W. J. Pritchard.

Revival

Mrs. C. W. Goforth reports a revival conducted by Bro. C. D. Henry of Pennsylvania at Woodfin, N. C. Bro. Henry is a wonderful worker and there were twenty-one saved, thirteen sanctified and five filled with the Holy Ghost. The church is proud of its pastor, Brother Clyde Peek, and his wife. He is a faithful shepherd. The Woodfin Church of God has only been set in order a year and the Lord has greatly increased it.

NATCHEZ, Miss.—We thank God for our church in Natchez. We have a good church and Sunday School and a grand Y. P. E. We had a revival in March. A goodly number were saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, and the revival spirit is still going strong. Brother G. D. Bozeman is pastor. The church is just a year old but it is growing steadily. We covet your prayers that God will continue to bless.—Mrs. Bessie Dobson.

I just closed a revival at Allen Junction, W. Va., with ten saved, five sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost, five baptized in water and six added to the church.

Please pray hard, dear saints, for the devil is trying his best to keep people from getting saved, and we see so many people who are so careless about praying as we should.—Sallie M. Herron, evangelist, Bastian, Va.

HUNTSVILLE, Ala.—God gave us a revival at West Huntsville church long to be remembered. Souls fell in the altar each night until it was so full that the saints hardly had room to get around and pray for them. The Lord blessed in a won-

derful way. The revival ran five weeks with Brothers Louie Tackett, Charlie Rigsby, Gene Aldridge, our pastor, Claude Gossett, A. H. Batts, our district overseer, doing the preaching. We appreciate our district overseer, he is a good man of God. Forty were saved, eighteen sanctified, thirteen filled with the Holy Ghost, seventeen baptized, seventeen added to the church. Brother Howard Hutto was with us and played the piano. We appreciate him, he is a good, consecrated man of God and is using his talent for the Lord. We have some good saints of God in our little church and thank the Lord for all of our brothers and sisters in the Lord everywhere. Please pray that our church will keep growing.—Mrs. Claude Gossett.

LAKE CITY, S. C.—I praise the Lord for the good revival we have had at Lake City, S. C. On April 15 Brother Joe Flowers and Brother Horace Parker came here for a meeting. The Lord surely blessed in a marvelous way. We had wonderful crowds. Eighteen were saved, eight sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost and three added to the church. These two boys are good consecrated boys.—C. L. Edwards, pastor.

ECKMAN, W. Va.—We had a very successful revival here conducted by Brother Leonard Adkinson. The Lord blessed from the beginning. The attendance was great. The Lord surely blessed, particularly at one service. There was at least one hour of a continued outpouring. We all love Brother Adkinson and enjoyed his soul-stirring messages. Fourteen were saved, five sanctified and three filled with the Holy Ghost, nine were baptized in water and our church is on the move. We have wonderful people to work with for which we give God the praise.—R. L. Rexrode, pastor.

SPARTA, Tenn.—We have just closed a revival with Brother Otis Smith in charge. The Lord really did bless. Four were saved, seven sanctified, thirteen filled with the Holy Ghost and eight united with the church. Others are looking this way. We believe God sent him our way. Pray for our church at Black Oak that we may ever be found faithful.—Simon Judd, clerk.

BROOKSVILLE, Fla. — We are still alive and doing things for the Lord. On April 7 we began a revival here with Brother and Sister P. W. Chesson of Arcadia, Fla., in charge of the preaching and Sister Lois Watson in charge of the special singing which was enjoyed by all. The Lord surely blessed in a wonderful way. Eight received the Holy Ghost, two were reclaimed, several saved and sanctified. (Continued on page 15)

Notes of Praise

Mrs. Novie Raulerson, Sanderson, Fla., writes that she was seriously injured in a tornado last February a year ago. Her pelvis was broken in four places, her collar bone broken and other injuries incurred, but the Lord healed her. Her oldest son was also nearly killed and the Lord healed him.

SHAW, Miss.—Praise God for His great healing power. On Feb. 3 I was taken very ill with indigestion and was sick for three days, but the Lord healed me. Praise His name! Since then I have had the flu and He healed me. Our little boy was sick some time ago and we trusted the Lord with him and he healed him. Thanks be to God who is so merciful.—Mrs. B. S. Scrivner.

ALMA, Ga.—Praise the Lord for what He has done for me and my family. Just a few nights ago my little boy, twenty-eight months old, was taken suddenly ill with a high fever. After praying and placing the Evangel on him the Lord healed him. I give God all the praise.—Mrs. Lester Johnson, Rt. 1.

BOAZ, Ala. — Thank God for His many blessings to me. I thank Him for healing me of a heart attack and also healing my daughter. He means all to me.—Pearlie Hedgepeth, Rt. 4.

SCOTTSBORO, Ala. — I thank the Lord for what He has done for me. I thank Him for healing me of heart trouble. He has been merciful to me. Praise His name. Pray that I may stand true to Him forever.

I thank everyone who sent me an anointed cloth and encouraging letters. Pray that my lost friends will be saved.—Annie Mae Venerable, Skyline Farms, Rt. 1.

The baby of Brother and Sister Watt, of Alarka, N. C., was thought dead twice, was prayed for and God marvelously raised it up.

Mrs. Ida Miller, of Whigham, Ga., praises the Lord for His goodness and mercy. She reports a wonderful service last Sunday and says the church at Cairo is doing fine. Their Y. P. E., Sunday School and L. W. W. B. are fine. After being afflicted for seven years with kidney poison and acid stomach the Lord healed her.

Harley Burnett, of Blairsville, Ga., tes-

tifies that the Lord saved and sanctified and healed him of T. B. when it looked like he couldn't live. One of his lungs was gone and the other almost gone and he was having hemorrhages, but was healed through prayer.

ALABAMA CITY, Ala.—I thank my blessed Lord for what He means to me. He is so good to me. He has answered my prayers and is still answering them. Saints everywhere, pray for me that I will do just what the Lord wants me to do. I want to go to glory some day and I know I will have to obey my blessed Redeemer to go. He has been so good to me!—Della Foster.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Three years and a half ago I was at work in the mill at Campaign. God was dealing with my heart. There was a big revival going on at the Methodist church. I went home and told my wife I was going to give my heart to God. About a year from that time W. H. Huddleston was holding a revival at Campaign. I was sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Within six months Brother Huddleston was holding another revival. My wife got sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. I thank God for leading me into paying tithes. I have found that it is a blessing to pay tithes and do what God wants you to do. He has been with us through sickness.—Kermit Dodson, 223 Ambrose Ave.

BLACKSBURG, S. C. — I am still praising the Lord for salvation, and for His goodness to me and my family. Our church here at Blacksburg is on the firing line. Pray that we will stand true till Jesus comes or calls.—Lewis N. Peeler, Broad River Mill.

I thank the Lord for old time salvation and for what He is to me. I thank Him for the great assurance I have in my soul and for the great Church of God and its good teaching, and for holiness. Please pray for me that I'll be ready to go in the rapture. I can feel Him in my soul just now. Bless the Lord.—A. C. Hall.

I thank God for old time salvation in my soul. I am saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost, belong to the great Church of God, and have a determination to go all the way with Jesus.

Pray for me that I may live a life that pleases God.—Edward Marks, Rt. 1, Box 20, Henderson, N. C.

PIKEVILLE, Tenn. — I thank and praise the Lord for being so good to us through the sickness and death of our mother, Mrs. Etta E. Pearson, who departed this life March 30. I thank those who prayed for our dear mother.

I praise Him for saving my soul, sanctifying me by His precious blood, bless His name, and giving me sweet victory in my soul.

Pray for us and for our little church at Shady Vale. Pray for my father, brothers and sisters who are heavily burdened.—Mrs. H. R. Gifford, Rt. 1, Box 64.

Aaron Cole, of Wapato, Wash., still reports victory in his soul.

Bobbie Mae White, of Star, Miss., still has the victory since she was reclaimed. Pray that she will continue to keep it.

Seventeen-year-old Hazel Stafford, of Taylorsville, N. C., says she has the Holy Ghost. She desires to go to the state Bible School this summer, but at the present time can't see any way. Pray a special prayer that the Lord will make it possible.

Dear Evangel family, I am happy to tell you that I am one of you today, a member of the Church of the living God.

I was twenty-seven years old when I was happily converted. You need not tell me that my God won't hear a poor heart-broken sinner's prayer; He heard mine. I was at the altar at the time, under deep heartfelt conviction. I never shall forget the day that Jesus washed my sins away. I joined the Missionary Baptist that day; I knew of nothing any better, but after I moved here to Alabama City I kept hearing of the holiness folk so I made up my mind to go.

Dear old Brother J. B. Ellis was running a tent meeting here at that time, he was also pastor here and he was the first one whom I heard preach holiness. I made up my mind to join the Church of God and I have never been sorry. I was sanctified and received the Holy Ghost after I joined the Church.

Well, I have been a shut-in for six or seven years. I will be eighty-six years old the tenth of this month, June. I have been a regular subscriber to the Evangel all these years. In them I get all my soul food. Long live the Church of God and everything that is connected with it. That is my sincere prayer.

Brother Simmons, I have kept up with you and your whereabouts ever since you made your trip to the holy land. I am glad you are where you are now. I have kept up with Brother Ingram since 1932 and am still keeping up with him. I have bought two of his books, "Around the World With the Gospel Light," but I have never seen but one compliment on his book in the Evangel and I sent that one in myself. I wonder why; it is a

wonderful book, written by a wonderful missionary. I read not long ago where he said he never realized anything from the sales of his book. What a pity. Why Church of God people, if you love those missionaries and their writings, you surely have missed a treat if you have not read his book. I know he must feel slighted but not discouraged. He is not working for honors down here but he will be rewarded. Well, if I had an income I would place one of his books in every penitentiary in the state of Alabama. I wish every family in the Church of God would buy one of his books. Twenty cents out of every dollar derived from the sale of his book goes to foreign missions. It would help him and the mission work too. God bless the missionaries and everyone else who wants to be blessed is my prayer.—Mrs. M. E. Downs, 125 Collier St., Alabama City, Ala.

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RICHMOND, Va. — Dear Evangel Readers: I am glad to sound a note of praise to our Savior. Glory to His sweet name. I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and a member of the Church of God at Marvel Hill. I dearly love the Church of God for I know it is right.

I praise my Lord for His wonderful healing power. I trust Him with my body as well as my soul, for I know He can heal and will heal if we will only trust Him.

I praise God for the brother to whom I have been listening over station WIP. I surely enjoy his preaching the Holy Word of God. It is food to my soul to hear the good evangelist bring forth the Holy Word of God.

I can't be in service here because it is four miles back to the city of Richmond. I can't drive the car and husband has to work day and night and Sunday too in this dairy work. It surely goes hard with us. We are both members of the Church of God at Marvel Hill, Va., where we moved from, and my heart goes back in prayer for our good Holy-Ghost-filled people there. We thank the Lord for our good Church of God pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister Elbert Bagwell. Pray for us to get back close to our church, also that we can open Sunday School here at home and that the Lord will bless us and save souls here in our neighborhood. Pray for my unsaved loved ones.

I love the Church of God Evangel. I read them and give them to my friends to read for I want to be a soul winner for Jesus. He means so much to me. Each child of God pray that we will be faithful. My heart is heavy and I am praying for God to take me and use for His glory. I feel like I have not done what Jesus wants me to do for I keep dreaming at nights of standing on streets preaching

God's Holy Word and there is such a burden on me. Pray for me. Pray for my two little boys. May God bless the Evangel.—Sister Lee Greene, Rt. 6, Box 361.



PRAY FOR—

The salvation and healing of my brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Griffin Smith, 1331 Scott St., E., Ft. Myers, Fla.; the healing of John Morgan, Candler, N. C.; the healing of my body of acid stomach.—Mrs. Florida A. Smith, Rt. 1, Box 199, Arcadia, Fla.

The healing of my body. Anointed cloth appreciated.—Mrs. L. M. Lyle, Rt. C, Live Oak, Fla.

The healing of my wife of stomach trouble. — W. B. Bell, 315 Smithland Place, Valdosta, Ga.

My son to be healed of something like rheumatism and get work; pray for his family that they may be blessed both spiritually and financially; the healing of my body.—Mrs. Janie Herring, Rt. 2, Fairmont, N. C.

The saving of my family; Brother DeWitt Sharp's wife who is in a serious condition; Sister Duckie Powell to be healed of head trouble; the healing of Brother Bob Powell, who is very ill, Brother Theodore Dunaway of stomach trouble, Sister Lizzie Thornhill of a bad heart, Mrs. Estus Carney of cancer and to receive the Holy Ghost, Mr. Dennis Morgan of T. B. and to receive the Holy Ghost; Mr. June Morris of cancer and to receive the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. G. A. Price, Morgantown, Miss.

Mrs. Fred Duncan, Mohegan, W. Va., to be healed of high blood pressure and her soul to be saved; the healing of my hand.—Mrs. Alfred Rose, Mohegan, W. Va.

The Lord to bless the work here, the devil is working hard.—L. R. Sanders, Rt. 2, Keysville, Va.

God to save my sinner husband who is drifting further in sin.—Martha Robinson, 316 Grady Ave., Rome, Ga.

God to touch our four children and heal and make them strong; my little nephew to be healed of pneumonia; unspoken requests.—Mrs. Katy Farmer, Mt. Airy, N. C.

The healing of a friend who wants to trust God with her body, she is in the last stage of Bright's disease. She will appreciate an anointed cloth.—Mrs. W. M. Byrd, Perdido, Ala.

The healing of our baby girl who has something wrong with her stomach; us to be more humble; our revival.—Mrs. Wilburn Roberts, Avera, Miss.

God to deliver my husband of the drink habit and save his soul. — Mrs.

Ruby Mitchell, Rt. 1, Carbon Hill, Ala.

The healing of our son of rheumatism.—Mrs. C. E. Corley, St. Charles, Va.

Me to be saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and my body to be healed.—Frank McClure, Clyde, N. C.

The healing of my daughter, Mrs. Bertha Taylor, Lula, Ga., who is in a bad condition. She can't live long unless the Lord undertakes. Please write her encouraging letters and pray that the Lord will supply her needs.—Mrs. J. T. Standridge, Lula, Ga.

The healing of my back. I injured it severely this week. Anointed cloth will be appreciated.—Solomon Mackey, Box 64, Jensen, Fla.

My body to be completely healed; my husband to be saved and healed; my son to be healed so he can walk and talk; me to have more faith. Fast if led.—Mrs. Mamie Chance, Rt. 1, Box 29-A, Newberry, Fla.

Me to be drawn closer to God and healed of a complication of diseases which are serious.—Mrs. H. L. Peacock, 41 Pickard Circle, Lexington, N. C.

Clarence Blom to be healed of rupture, he needs the help of the Lord at once.—J. Andrew Rafferty, pastor, Lignite, N. Dak.

I have been suffering about four weeks with my lung and choking so badly at times I can hardly go. I don't get to go to church much as my husband is unsaved and my little girl is the only one with whom I have to pray. My husband to be saved; me to live the life.—A sister, York, S. C.

My home; me to receive the Holy Ghost; my husband to be saved; me to receive full eyesight.—Mrs. W. R. Ervin, 3404 Delong St., Chattanooga, Tenn.

Me to be a complete overcomer and stand true; my brothers, sisters, husband and children to be saved and filled with the Holy Ghost; my son, Manuel, to be healed of rheumatism or T. B. of the bone in his leg.—Othle Cadle, Double Springs, Ala.

Me to be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.—Myrtle Moore, Red Hills, Jam., B. W. I.

A friend to be drawn closer to the Lord and encouraged to stand true; that he will receive the Holy Ghost; a way to be provided for my daughter to go out in His service and work for Him and that she will receive her full eyesight; two unspoken requests. Fast if led.—Mrs. Frances Lett, Boyle, Miss.

Me to be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost; our little church; our pastor and his wife; our revival.—Mrs. Ira Lee, Donalsonville, Ga.

Two special unspoken requests.—Carrie Williams, Baldwin, Fla.

Me to be completely healed, I am having trouble with my knees and my nerves are bad; unspoken request.—Mrs. Wm.

Harvey, Jr., East New Market, Md.

The healing of a friend who has been in a serious condition for many years, also that he will be drawn closer to God. He will appreciate old Evangelists.—Jap Herrick, Cid, N. C.

The healing of my body caused from my kidneys, I think; my loved ones in sin to be saved; me to stay in God's will.—Mrs. K. J. Jernigan, Nichols, S. C.

The healing of my body, I have been sick seven years and my heart is weak; my faith to be increased. I thank all who wrote me letters and sent me anointed cloths before; they were such a comfort to me. My loved ones to be saved. Letters appreciated.—Miss Libby Owen, Wolf Mountain, N. C.

My husband to be completely healed of asthma and receive the Holy Ghost; my back and limb to be completely healed so I can walk; our church.—Mrs. Edna R. King, Box 585, Hot Springs, N. Mex.

Special unspoken request; my home.—Mrs. Keith, Whiteside, Tenn.

The healing of my body of rheumatism; the healing of my eyes; unspoken request.—Hattie M. Piper, Belfast, Me.

The healing of my body; our revival. Fast if led.—Mrs. Stella Bryant, Cosby, Tenn.

The healing of my mother of nervous indigestion. — Virginia Lloyd, Rt. 3, Amelia, Va.

My husband to get salvation; my boy to be saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. The Lord to help me in raising him.—Mrs. C. H. Herndon, DuPont, Ga.

My unsaved children to be saved and receive the Holy Ghost; the church here; me and my husband to be true to the Lord. We will appreciate anyone sending us Sister Lila Smith's address.—Mrs. J. H. Lee, Rt. 2, Baxley, Ga.

Sister Emma Jones, Maud, Okla., to be healed of high blood pressure. Anointed cloth and encouraging letters appreciated. Unspoken request.—Mrs. W. C. Hill, Box 542, Maud, Okla.

Very special unspoken request; my son to return home; God to save his soul; my entire family; the church at Old Fort.—Mrs. Dellie Hensley, Old Fort, N. C.

I am suffering so much with my kidneys, please pray for my complete healing.—Mrs. J. D. Hudson, Rt. 2, Rydal, Ga.

My mother to be healed of sugar diabetes; unspoken request; my loved ones to be saved.—Mrs. Bessie Cogburn, Immokalee, Fla.

The healing of my body; the Lord to provide a way for my family. Anointed cloth appreciated.—Bethel Maynard, Rt. 1, Baxter, Tenn.

J. R. Clement of the Oklahoma state penitentiary requests special prayer for deliverance. He acknowledges his crime and declares that God has forgiven him

and wishes to be restored to his family, a wife and twelve children.

Me to receive the Holy Ghost.—Miss Iona Hileman, Isaban, W. Va.

OBITUARIES

"Previous to the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints," Ps. 116:15.

DALTON

David Dalton, son of Moss and Mary Jones Dalton, passed away May 1, 1940; age one year, ten months and twenty-five days.—T. M. Basham, Kentucky.

TURNER

Sarah F. Turner, wife of Brother E. B. Turner of Middlesboro, Ky., and faithful member of the Church of God, departed this life April 29, 1940; age sixty years, four months and eleven days.—T. M. Basham.

LYNN

In loving memory of my precious husband, W. A. Lynn, who passed away Nov. 29, 1939. He was a faithful member of the Church of God at Bainbridge, Ga.—Mrs. W. A. Lynn, Bainbridge, Ga.

I Trusted the Lord

ATLANTA, Ga.—I praise the Lord for His many blessings to me. I praise Him for healing me. Five weeks ago I was taken with a severe case of flu which resulted three weeks later with pleurisy or an abscessed side. My suffering was very great. I knew if it was His will He could heal me and if not it was all right. I felt that I had everything fixed.

Our pastor, Brother Whittington, and several other saints were called to pray and with my husband held on to the Lord till victory came, and I'm praising the Lord for that wonderful touch. They tell me I do not look like I've ever been sick. I know that He is the great Physician. I praise Him, too, because I know He is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother, for the many problems He has helped me to solve and burdens He has lifted and encouraged me to go on with Him.

Please pray that I will always stay humble and be just what the Lord would have me to be.—Mrs. L. H. Rickerson, 1022 State St., N. W.

Desire To Be About My Father's Business

DOTHAN, Ala.—Jesus is my Savior, Keeper, and Healer and I can truly say the Lord is with His children in the valleys the same as when they are upon the mountains. He means everything to me. Please pray that I will live humbly at the foot of the cross and be obedient to my Father. Regardless of the cost, I am trying to make heaven my home and I am

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YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Part of report of Wimauma camp meeting, with editorial comment:

I will close by making this statement, that I do not believe there is a state represented more in line with the teachings of the Assembly than Florida. Just one more thing that I was about to forget which is just about as important and impressive as anything else. At the beginning of the eleven o'clock service of the last day of the meeting, we announced that at the close of the service there would be an ordination service, that we had three faithful brethren who had qualified themselves and were to be promoted to the office of bishop. For the remainder of the service the congregation was kept in wonderment as to who those brethren could be. At the close of the sermon Brothers J. L. Stephens, I. H. Marks, and E. L. Simmons came forward and stood side by side facing the audience. Following them came the evangelists and stood back of them. Then the bishops came forward. The ministers then bowed before God and the evangelists in concert invoked the blessings of God upon the three brethren, after which each of the bishops prayed, then hands were laid on the brethren and they were commended to the exalted position of bishop. They then arose to their feet and their credentials were presented to them amidst sobs and marks of humility. Then each minister came forward and gave them their hand of congratulation. Thank God for these dear brethren. Amen.—F. J. Lee.

(As I finished reading the above report when it first came into the office my eyes were flooded with tears of gratitude to God and I found myself weeping aloud for joy over the results and victorious and glorious camp meeting. Florida friends are deserving of praise for their fidelity to God and their loyalty to the Church of God and their overseer who has so valiantly led them through many terrific and hard-fought battles, and gained the heights of fellowship and love and power that prevailed at this camp meeting.—Editor.)

trying to get a place for a meeting here. There is no Church of God near Dothan. Pray that God will give us a church here.—Mammie Lou Philbrick, Rt. 5.

Leaves From the Fig Tree

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I know, of course, that neither shall ultimately prevail but that CHRISTIANITY SHALL BE DOMINANT UNDER CHRIST HIMSELF.

A headline on the front page of the ASHEVILLE (N. C.) TIMES for June 7, 1940, says: "ROOSEVELT ENDORSES EDITORIAL PROPOSING CONSCRIPTION IN U. S." A part of the editorial appearing in the New York Times follows: "The time has come when in the interest of self-protection, the American people should at once adopt a national system of UNIVERSAL COM-PULSORY MILITARY TRAINING. We say this as a newspaper which has never before believed in the wisdom of such a policy in time of peace. We say it because the logic of events drives us remorselessly to this conclusion." Good-bye, boys! Good-bye, Mother! Good-bye, home! We march off to die! It is coming! May God in His goodness deliver the Church before the boys have to march away

Semper Fidelis

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tion is being shaken to its very foundation and the forces that were used to build it up to where it is, are being used toward its destruction. With nation after nation falling in line with the policies of the antichrist, defeated and put down and out with no other choice in the matter, speak louder than words, saying, "Jesus is coming soon," and that is the only hope of our salvation. So let us be faithful and carry on the work assigned us until He comes or calls for us. Some may be inclined to slacken their efforts, saying it is too late now to do anything much. The day of reckoning is too near now and I for one do not want to be weighed in the balance and found wanting.

If our readers will be so considerate as to indulge a little personal reference, I might just state why I am here in South America instead of Egypt, since it was planned that I should go around that way. I made all arrangements, got my ticket, went to Washington and got a special permit for the trip, and the Consul in New York gave me a new passport visa for Egypt, after the Royal Egyptian Government had issued a proclamation cancelling all visas. Then after I was ready to sail on the Italian Line's S. S. "Roma" a telegram came from our general headquarters advising me to postpone the trip to Egypt. After the wire reached me in New York City, I took the subway and hurried home as a great storm was breaking. On returning to the surface I was in front of the U. S. Post Office with the following inscription carved in the masonry over the front entrance, "Neither

snow nor rain, nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds." Thinking of these men's faithfulness in carrying the news, both good and bad, impressed me so that nothing short of major force should have stopped me from making "my appointed round" with this gospel "Good News" had I not been further advised from headquarters in a second telegram. However, I am convinced it was for the best, since I got such a late start, and because of the conditions in Europe and the near East. The boat would have touched several ports in the troubled area, including Portugal, Azores, Italy, Greece, Yugoslavia, Syria and Palestine, all being good places to stay away from right now. The Italians returned every cent of my ticket money and said they would be glad to have me travel with them at a later date. Egyptian authorities also gave me a year in which to make my trip.

Question Box

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not been changed and who are good only by force of circumstances because their god has been bound and placed in the bottomless pit. As soon, however, as the enemy is loosed they shall again flock to him and serve him and out of them will the vast army of Gog and Magog be gathered.

God's Call to Youth

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heart and with all your soul." Matt. 5:8, "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God." We can serve God with joy in our hearts. His blessings can and will thrill us through and through.

We should serve Him joyfully for if, when this life is over, we have lived our days for God, we have the promise of coming forth from the grave and death and receiving a glorified body. Young people everywhere, it will pay you to serve God, walk with God, talk with God, place your hand in His and be led by Him, seek His will, do His will, trust implicitly in His great arm, remain under the shadow of His almighty wing, reverence His name, esteem highly His Word, fear, love, wisely choose to live for Him. Hours are flying away, days are speeding by and are you doing your best to serve, worship and work for God?

"God, give us a new vision of what it means to serve you," should be included in our prayers. Oh, that we could only realize the importance of being reconciled to God and living in an attitude of such holiness as to please Him. Shilley said, "Life, like a dome of many-colored glass, stains the white radiance of eternity."

Why not serve God now while it is yet day, so when we come to the end of the way we may be able to say as the great

Apostle Paul in 2 Tim. 4:7, 8, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all of them also that love his appearing."

Conventions

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name.

When we came to Santa Cruz two years ago there was no Church of God here. We began asking the Lord about a building which seemed all in vain until the first of April when He answered prayer. Now we have a building ready for services. We had services the first time May 11. Two backsliders prayed through the first night. We will have Sunday School as soon as our literature comes, services Sunday morning after Sunday School, then Sunday, Wednesday and Saturday nights. All you good Californians and all others who can come over and help us. Everybody welcome. Our church is on Wilks Circle and 17 Woodrow Street in the west side of Santa Cruz. We need prayer and help.—Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Anthony, 127 Gault St.

J. W. Vance, pastor at Holden, W. Va., reports great victory at their church. He says some work has been done on the church, also that they have had the district and state Sunday School banners and the district and state Y. P. E. banners. They also have a fine L. W. W. B. Their Sunday School average attendance for May was one hundred and forty-six. He also says they have the coupon ball rolling with about two thousand coupons (most of them octagon) gathered and they see no place to stop.

From Mrs. R. M. Amason, Shady Grove church, Magee, Miss., comes the following: The power of God is being manifested in every service in a marvelous way. Many messages are being given by the Holy Ghost. The altar fills with hungry seekers. The old block church is filled to its capacity most every time. Our Sunday School has increased from 44 to 103. The tithes paid in have tripled that of previous years. We are satisfied with our good pastor, Brother C. H. Gardner, and his wife, who have meant so much to the progress of the church. We cooperate and God is blessing our efforts. We have unity and fellowship. We have a band of young people here always ready for service. Pray for us.

Sister Pearl Gause of Ferndale, Fla., reports victory. The power is falling at Lake Apopka church. She says: We had a wonderful outpouring of the Holy Ghost recently. Three received the Holy

Ghost, four were saved, two sanctified and four baptized in water. Our Y. P. E. is progressing nicely, also a good Sunday School.

We are remodeling our tabernacle, with the faithful work and supervision of our good pastor, Brother Marvin Hunt. Also our pastor's wife is found faithful in every part of the work of the Church. God is undertaking for us in a wonderful way. Pray for us. Come to see us and enjoy the blessings of the Lord.

REVIVALS

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fied, three baptized in water and five added to the church. At the close of the revival we had the Lord's Supper and feet washing and I have never been in as good communion service as this was. Showers and showers of blessings were poured out on us. We are so glad for what the Lord has done here. We are in our new church and have it almost completed. Our pastor, Brother B. E. Chesser, has surely worked faithfully since being here. Our Sunday School is growing and we have started a Y. P. E. Please pray for us here, we need your prayers.—Mrs. W. C. Lewis.

CHARLESTON, W. Va.—The Church of God at Davis Creek has just closed a six weeks' revival with Sister Daisy Nance of Ironton, Ohio, in charge. She did some good preaching. Several were saved, and some reclaimed. She is a great worker with the young people. They all seem to love her and we want her back again for another meeting in the near future. There were souls seeking the Lord for greater experiences when she closed the revival.—Bertha Hays, Rt. 2, Box 248.

RICHEY, Miss.—We are indeed grateful to the Lord for the two weeks' revival just closed conducted by the writer. There were twenty-five saved, twenty-three sanctified, and sixteen filled with the Holy Ghost. At the close of the meeting Brother M. C. Cockrell, district pastor, came down and set a church in order with twenty-six members, of which seventeen are new members and nine are transfers. This is our first church in Sharkey County, Miss. We are very appreciative of the splendid services rendered by Misses Pauline Ellis and Mary Dearman in special singing and altar work, also Brother L. A. Harville was at his post doing his best to make the meeting a success and we can't forget to thank Sister Tidwell and the many others who helped make the meeting a success. Only eternity will reveal the good accomplished by the great working of the power of God.—L. S. Cooper.

HILTON, Ga.—We just closed a revival at this place which began May 7 with Brother Lee Walton in charge. The

Lord blessed with an outpouring of His Spirit. We organized a church here with ten enrolled and others to come in yet. Four were reclaimed. We haven't a church building yet, only an arbor to worship under but trust the Lord for a building soon. We praise God for our Sunday School just organized with eighty-four on roll. Brother Walton appointed me pastor over the little flock. Pray much that I may do my duty toward them.—J. A. Faircloth.

God Gave the Victory

CAMBRIDGE, Md.—Thank God for a church here. We started a meeting in Cambridge Dec. 16, 1939. The devil fought us very hard but God gave us victory. The pastor at East New Market, Md., Elder A. L. Stanley, was in charge of the service. God is surely blessing. Elder Stanley has too much of God for the devil and he had to surrender. We are looking up to God to help us keep right where He would have us to be. Now we have a church set in order with about eleven members and many looking this way. About eleven are at the altar seeking God and the place is not large enough; it is nearly packed every night and they tell us they did not know anything about the real truth before but God is bringing the light. One little child seven years old got sanctified Sunday night and it affected the people. We are expecting Cambridge to be the greatest work of the colored work in Maryland. Sister Pauline Jackson assisted Elder A. L. Stanley with the work.—Mary M. Balsen, clerk, 106 Washington St.

Editorials

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State Convention Dates

South Carolina—June 20-23.
North Carolina—June 20-23.
Ohio—June 27-30.
Michigan—June 27-30.
Minnesota—July 2-3.
North and South Dakota—July 4-7.
West Virginia—July 11-14.
New Mexico—July 12-14.
Oklahoma—July 19-21.
Alabama—July 25-28.
Pennsylvania—July 25-28.
Mississippi—August 1-4.
Tennessee—August 1-4.
Minnesota—August 2-4.
Texas—August 5-11.
Georgia—August 15-18.
Missouri—August 22-25.
Maryland—August 15-25 (Camp meeting and convention).
Louisiana—August 15-29-September 1.
New England States—Aug. 30-Sept. 2.

ON THE AIR

Lindale and Rome, Georgia, churches; W. T. Nelson and S. W. Latimer, pastors. Monday, 10:30 a. m., WRGA, 1500 Kc.

Lindale, Georgia, church; W. T. Nelson, pastor. Saturday, 10:30 a. m., WRGA, 1500 Kc.

The Church of God, Decatur, Ala., over station WMSL, Decatur, Ala., 1370 Kc., Sunday 8:45 a. m. and each week day at 4:30 p. m. A. H. Batts, pastor.

The Church of God Y.P.E., Big Spring, Tex., over station KBST, Big Spring, Tex., each Sunday at 2:00-2:15 p. m. Sister Briggs, president; W. W. Smathers, pastor.

The Church of God, Huntsville, Ala., over station WBHP, Huntsville. Each Sunday from 9:30 a. m. to 10:00 a. m. Claude Gossell, pastor.

Mobile, Ala., district, over station WMOB, 1200 Kc., Monday through Friday at 10:00-10:15 a. m. C. T. Dunn, district pastor.

The Church of God, Casper, Wyo. over station WKFN, Casper. Every Tuesday at 3:30 p. m. (Mountain Standard Time.) S. M. Pearson, pastor.

The Church of God, Flint, Mich. over station WMPC, Lapeer, Mich., 1210 Kc. Each Tuesday from 9:00-5:30 p. m. W. M. Barnard, pastor.

"The Golden Hour Devotion" over station KLPM, Minot, N. Dak., 1300 Kc. Each Sunday evening from 6:45-7:15. Hughes R. Morehead, pastor.

The Church of God, Goldsboro, N. C. over station WGBR, Goldsboro, 1370 Kc. Sunday 3:00 p. m. R. Verrie, pastor.

The Church of God, Powderly, Ala., over station WSGN, Birmingham, Ala., 1310 Kc. Each Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 6:00-6:30 a. m. L. H. Aultman, pastor.

The Church of God, Wilmington, N. C., over station WMFD, Wilmington, 1370 Kc. Each Sunday from 3:00-3:45 p. m. W. W. Harmon, pastor.

The Church of God, Lexington, N. C., over station WMFR, Lexington. Each Saturday from 1:30-2:00 p. m.

The Church of God, N. Chattanooga, Tenn., over station WAPO, each Saturday at 1:15 p. m. J. D. Wilson, pastor.

The Church of God, Indianapolis, N. C., over station WSTP, Indianapolis, 1500 Kc., remote control, every Sunday morning at 9:00-9:45. U. D. Tidwell, pastor.

The Church of God of Southern Illinois, over station WEBQ, Harrisburg, Ill. Each Monday at 3:00 p. m.

Atlanta and Riverside Churches of God, over station WATL, 1370 Kc., Atlanta. Each Sunday afternoon from 3:00-4:00 p. m.

The Church of God, Gadsden, Ala. over station WJBY, 1250 Kc. Each Friday at 4:30-5:00 p. m. W. L. Williamson, pastor.

The Church of God over station WJBY, 1250 Kc. Each Sunday from 12:45-1:15 p. m. A. L. Burroughs, pastor.

Back to the Bible Program, over WMAN, Mansfield, Ohio, 1370 Kc. Each Monday from 2:30-3:00 p. m. One hundred per cent Church of God program. Evangelists Darrell Wolfe and Bertha Burkette in charge, assisted by Doris Miller, Loyd Burkette and Sister C. H. Hammond. Join our Radio League.

The Church of God, over station WBTH, 1370 Kc., Williamson, W. Va. each Saturday at 8:00 a. m. and each Sunday at 2:00 p. m. H. H. Tygart, Vulcan, W. Va. and W. H. Compton, Delbarton, W. Va., district overseers, in charge. Let us hear from you; we are trusting the Lord for the programs.

The Church of God of Canton, Ohio over station WADC, Akron, 1320 Kc. Each Sunday from 8:00-8:30 a. m. J. H. Hughes, pastor.

The Church of God at Chicago over station WCBD, Chicago, 1210 Kc. Each Sunday morning from 1:00-2:00 a. m. Evangelist Amelia Shumaker.

The Church of God, Atlantic City, N. J. over station WBAB. Sunday from 1:00-1:30 p. m. Pastor in charge.

The Church of God, Vicksburg, Mo., over station KLCN, Blytheville, Ark. Each Sunday afternoon from 4:15-4:45 (C.S.T.). About 131 Kc.

Church of God at Ft. Myers, Fla. over station WFTM, Ft. Myers, Fla. each Sunday from 3:00-3:30 p. m. W. H. Maxwell, pastor.

The Church of God over station WLOG, Logan, W. Va., 1200 Kc. Each Sunday from 8:00-9:00 a. m.

The Bookshelf



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Means Much to Be Ready

REPTON, Ala.—Praise God for all His goodness to me. I praise God for the Evangel; it's the dearest paper on earth to me, and oh, the good Lighted Path-way!

I feel so glad for the wonderful privilege to serve the dear Lord, but it seems that for the last few days I have been feeling that there are such awful things ahead of us until I want to just look up and say, "Lord Jesus, come quickly," and then I begin to look around and see so much undone and dear loved ones in sin. It seems I can hardly stand the thought of my precious boys and girls being left here. Please pray for me to be ready. I don't get to be in Church of God meetings much here, but thank God, I can enjoy salvation at home. Dear hearts, it means much to be ready. I've been doing everything I know but Satan is loose here in this part of the world; people here need

Jesus. I've been preaching to the colored the same as the white. If any colored preacher sees this, there are lots of colored people here and they need Jesus. You had better pray about this place; let Jesus lead you here. You had better come.

Please join me in prayer for Repton. People here need Jesus.—Mattie Lowery.

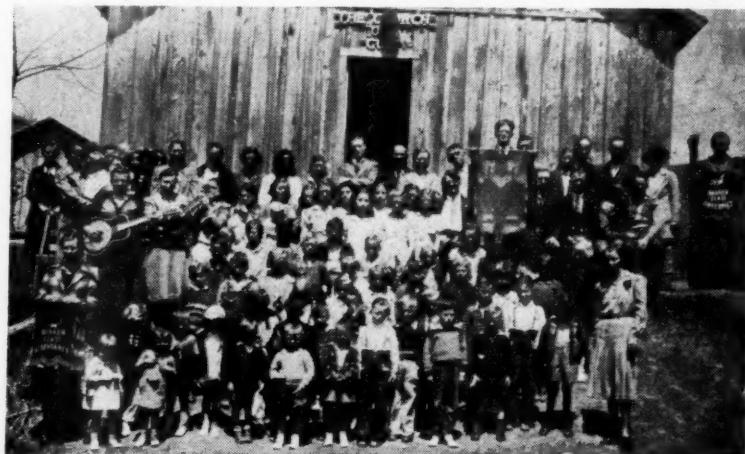
Sister E. B. Eggleston, of Keysville, Va., praises the Lord for saving her soul about ten months ago and filling her with the Holy Ghost. She thanks God for their pastor, Brother Elbert Bagwell.

I Am Winner

MARKED TREE, Ark.—I thank God today because I know I still have the vic-tory. I thank Him for answering my prayers. I have had a great trial these past four months, but thank God, I am win-ner. It's like a person who has had a severe case of sickness who has escaped with his life and bit by bit he must gain that lost strength. Sometimes the burden would be so heavy I did not see how I could live. I asked God to remove it, which He did for a while, but at times it returns. I do not understand what it is that I am bur-dened for. Please pray for me that I will do God's will, if there is something He wants me to do.

I have been taking the Evangel since March and I must say I have gleaned strength from its pages, especially from the column, *Leaves From the Fig Tree*. I feel much better since writing this let-ter. Please pray for me.—Nadyne Clouse.

The Church of God Sunday School at Baptist Valley, Virginia



The above picture is that of the Church of God Sunday School at Baptist Valley, Virginia. The gentleman standing in the back row near the center with glasses on is Rev. A. W. Brummett, our state Y. P. E. and Sunday School superintendent. The man holding the banner is Brother E. P. Musick, the local superintendent of this Sunday School. The banner is the Virginia state banner, which Baptist Valley won for the month of March with a 77% increase in attendance. This is a little country church with a small membership but our average attendance is about one hundred. We hope to make it two hundred before the summer is over. Please pray for us at Baptist Val-ley.—Rev. J. C. Hanks, pastor.

